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**\*\*\*\*\* EVENTS NOTIFICATION \*\*\*\*\***

Date: April 4th, 2014

As a direct result of the storms that swept through the region last night, area fire departments remained very busy between the hours of midnight through the morning rush hour. In particular the Shelby County Fire Department can report that a surge of emergencies, which peaked at around 03:30AM, was experienced. In this six-hour span, the SCFD dispatched the number of calls normally seen throughout an entire 24 hour day. This would include dispatches to - and automatic mutual aid from - departments such as Shelby County, Arlington, Millington and Memphis City Fire Departments. The SCFD handled two confirmed residential structure fires, which were dispatched within five minutes of each other and less than 1.2 miles apart. Both are believed to have started by lightning strikes.

At 3:33 AM, multiple engine companies were sent to the 1600 block of Far Dr. where a patrolling Sheriff's Deputy noted a home on fire and radioed it in. The residents inside were unaware that their home was burning at the peak of the garage roof and got out safely. As companies arrived, efforts to suppress the blaze began in earnest and the flames were kept at bay. The 2,300 square foot home was saved with moderate damage and there were no injuries.

At 3:38AM other engine companies from multiple agencies responded to reports of a confirmed home burning in the Woodland Edge subdivision near Macon and Houston Levee. It is unknown how long the home had been on fire prior to 9-1-1 being called. So 1.2 miles from the scene on Far Dr., a second home fire was being fought by Shelby County, Memphis and Arlington Fire Departments. Damage to this 3,600 square foot home was heavy but it is thought by scene commanders that the damage to the home can be repaired. There are no injuries of any kind to report from this fire as well.

A third home fire was dispatched at 8:00 am in nine-thousand block of Woodland Fern in Lakeland. Engine Companies arrived on the scene at 8:07am. Firefighters surged into the home finding the seat of the fire in the smoke-filled home, and knocking the fire down at 8:15am. Damage is moderate, there are no injuries and the cause of this fire is under investigation.



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